

JOHN W. COX.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 289.]

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Mr. TALBOTT, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred a bill for the benefit of John W. Cox, with the papers, reports, and certificates, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears, from the evidence on file, that the said John W. Cox, in consequence of a disease of the eyes, contracted while in the service of the United States as a mounted dragoon, under Captain R. Homes, is now, and has been for more than twenty years, totally and entirely blind; that he is a sober, upright, and clever man, esteemed by all who know him for his patriotism, probity, and good understanding. The original certificate of his discharge by Captain Homes, as well as the original certificate of the surgeon, as to the condition of his eyes when he was discharged, have been either lost or mislaid. But, from a report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, now on file with the papers, and made to the House on the 20th June, 1834, specific mention is made of both, from which it appears that the said John W. Cox, on the 13th day of June, 1833, at the city of Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, enlisted as a mounted dragoon, under the said Captain Homes, for the term of three years. That at the time of his enlistment he was a sound and healthy man, free from all bodily defects and infirmities, and shortly after his enlistment he was attacked with a disease of the eyes, which resulted in total and hopeless blindness. It appearing evident that the cause of the present disability of said Cox having been certainly contracted while he was in the actual service of his country, and in the line of his duty, the committee think it but justice that he should receive a pension. They have, therefore, authorized me to report the bill back to the House, with the opinion that it ought to pass.

